

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc



“Folk Victoria”

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## Newsletter July 2007

**Committee:** Jeanette Gillespie (President and Folk Club manager), Rick Sidgwick (Secretary), Chris Bigby (Treasurer), Rebecca Marshall (Membership Secretary), Denise Hibbs (Folk Club door manager), Jamie Johnston (PA Manager), Wendy Ealey (Webmistress), John O’Leary (Public Officer) and Malcolm Turnbull (General Committee).

### Greetings All

We certainly are in a city of extremes aren't we? I hope you have dragged all your winter woollies out of hiding and are enjoying your firesides. Not **so** much though that you can't venture out occasionally to enjoy some of the great music and warm company happening in music venues around town. Support live music in Melbourne!!

### Folk Victoria Events

Monthly music nights at the Emerald Lounge have continued to be a great success, with people coming from near and far to experience a variety of great entertainment.

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>** saw a quartet of terrific Melbourne singers and songwriters take to the stage. Wendy Ealey, Neil Robertson, Leticia Maher and Moira Tyers each presented their own songs, both individually and collectively as “Unsung”. What a huge sound – and what wonderful harmonies. Try and catch them together somewhere if you missed this night

**On Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>**, our featured artists were the trio “**The Beggars**”, on tour from Adelaide. They treated us to excellent musicianship and superb harmonies. **Rebecca Rigby** and **Dale Packard**, a young local duo, opened the night with some gentle and unusual songs.

### Folk Victoria Coming Events

Folk Victoria's monthly music nights (The Melbourne Folk Club) will be presenting a great line-up of talent for you in the next few months at the Emerald Lounge of the Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill.

#### Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>

Singer/Comedian Martin Pearson and Canadian singer Tracy McNeil (see enclosed flier).

#### Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Singer/songwriters Annie Kennedy and Bruce Watson and friends share the night, along with a blossoming group of Pan Pipe enthusiasts led by Tony Bannister (ex Jugularity)

#### Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>:

Singer, writer and folk song collector Phil Garland joins us, on tour from New Zealand.

#### Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>:

Graham Squance Memorial Folk Award presentation night, with the fabulous group “Blackwood” providing the music.

### Vale “Old” Louis McManus

We have shared the news in the past of the passing of “young” Louis McManus but now it's his dad's turn to pass on to that great folk session in the sky. “Old” Louis sadly passed away on Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> and we send our sincere sympathies to his remaining family. I will find out some further biographical information for our next newsletter. My fond memories of “old” Louis are chiefly his times of MC-ing various folk events, when his broad Scottish brogue would regale us with joke after joke and tale after tale – a man with a great sense of humour and a terrific ear for music!

### Stolen Concertina

An English concertina was stolen from Barrie Kemp on Saturday, 16th June 2007. It was stolen from a locked trunk in his apartment in downtown Melbourne, the padlock was broken and the concertina and case removed. It is a little disturbing for nothing else in the apartment was taken.

The concertina details are as follows:

Wheatstone 'Aeola' 56 key octagonal English Concertina (8 sided concertina). Serial Number 37069. Date of manufacture January, 1974. Case - Original hardshell fitted case, covered in tan vinyl.

If you see or hear anything at sessions, music stores, or pawn shops concerning this concertina please contact Barrie/Sue at 0407 090 609 or Mark at 9459 2295 (0417 337 541).

### For More Folk News and Views:

- **Join the Folk Alliance Australia**, Australia's umbrella folk organisation. Go to [www.folkalliance.org.au](http://www.folkalliance.org.au) for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.
- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine**. Log onto: [www.tradandnow.com](http://www.tradandnow.com) for all the news on how you can subscribe.
- **Join Community Music Victoria**. CMV is a wonderful source of information about all manner of community music and arts events. Their publication is full of news about opportunities for participation in all sorts of song, dance and music workshops in Melbourne and right across Victoria. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: [cmv@netspace.net.au](mailto:cmv@netspace.net.au) Website: <http://cmv.customer.netspace.net.au>
- **Subscribe to the Blarney Bulletin**, a great source of news and views particularly concerning the Celtic connections in Victoria and around the country. Phone Kevin McCarthy on 0411 135 418 or email him at [macca@blarneybulletin.com](mailto:macca@blarneybulletin.com)
- Two more interesting and informative Australian folk websites are: [www.newsouthfolk.com.au/festivals.html](http://www.newsouthfolk.com.au/festivals.html) and <http://folkaustralia.com>

Cheers all – Jeanette Gillespie



# Festivals

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August: Troubadour's 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert and Party Weekend**, Campaspe Downs, near Kyneton, Vic. Live-in with food, wine and a huge variety of local, interstate and some international performers. Pre-booking essential. Weekend: \$195 plus accommodation. Pro rata rates available. Phone: 5425 5400.

Email: [wineandmusic@bigpond.com](mailto:wineandmusic@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.wineandmusic.net](http://www.wineandmusic.net)

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September: Guildford Banjo Jamboree, Guildford, Vic.** Traditional string band music at the Guildford Pub and surrounding venues. Enq: 03 5473 4544

Website: [www.banjojamboree.org](http://www.banjojamboree.org)

**28<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October: Uranquinty Folk Festival, near Wagga, NSW.** An old favourite of many Victorians. Down-to-earth and participatory. Enq: Peter O'Dea: 02 6295 0571 or email: [podea@home.com.au](mailto:podea@home.com.au)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November: Maldon Folk Festival, Maldon, Vic.** Victoria's largest folk festival after Port Fairy – but with a friendly country town atmosphere – a National Trust classified town in fact! Enq: 03 5475 1167 or 5476 2527.

Email: [mail@maldonfolkfestival.com](mailto:mail@maldonfolkfestival.com)

Website: [www.maldonfolkfestival.com](http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com)

**16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November: Harrietville Bluegrass & Traditional Country Music Convention, Vic.** A great line-up of bluegrass and old time musicians from Australia and the US. Lots of sessions. Get in quick for bookings and accommodation. For enquiries phone: 03 5368 1213 (bh) or 03 5368 6888 (ah) or email: [harrietville@bluegrass.org.au](mailto:harrietville@bluegrass.org.au)

# Diary Dates

## Wax Lyrical

Free showcase for **songwriters** of all ages and levels of experience. Two great venues.

**Hardimans in Kensington** (Hardiman's Hotel is located 521 Macaulay Rd, Kensington) on **Wednesday 4 July**, kicking off at 7.30pm. Featuring Canadian singer/songwriter **Tracy McNeil**.

**Old Hepburn Hotel in Hepburn** (236 Main Road, Hepburn Springs near Daylesford) on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at 7.30pm. Featuring singer **Suzi Hanson**.

If you're interested in performing on either night we have 15 minute slots available, so either call me on 0404 069 019 or drop us a line by email. Whether you're going to play or not, simply join us to enjoy listening to the music and help make the night another success. Entry is free and drinks will be available at bar prices.

Trevor Shard, ASA Regional Co-ordinator Victoria  
[www.asai.org.au](http://www.asai.org.au)

- **Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**Sally Dasty at "Don't Tell Tom"**. With Mark 'Wally' Wallace and Austin Brady. 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick. (03) 9380 8667. For further information please email [mavarts@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mavarts@bigpond.net.au)

- **Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**Music Night, Breizoz French Creperie**, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown, Vic. Entry \$10. Join us for another fantastic night of delicious food & drink, and great music. **Performers:** Heather Cummins and Simon Leverton, Greg Hammond and Maryanne Dalglish, and Frank O'Brien. **For more details:** Phone Greg on 9397 5224 or email [greg\\_hammond23@hotmail.com](mailto:greg_hammond23@hotmail.com)  
Supported by the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club

- **Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup>:**

**Wendy Ealey CD Launch - "Out of the Shower"**. Wesley Anne, 50 High Street, Northcote, Vic.  
To her utter delight Wendy will be joined by Leticia Maher, Neil Robertson, Moira Tyers, Harry Williamson & Peter Vadiveloo, with MC Annie Fiume.

- **Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**Acoustic Guitar Spectacular No 4.** The Emerald Lounge, Clifton Hill Hotel, 89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill. The acoustic guitar concert of the year! Each year **Nick Charles** and **Michael Fix**, two of the finest pickers in the land invite a special guest to join them. This year it's the wonderful **Lloyd Spiegel**, an international performer and Sony Recording Artist. Expect an evening of fretboard fireworks, wonderful melody and bluesy invention. **Tickets** on sale from July 7<sup>th</sup> at the venue (94898705) only \$25.

## Regular Events

- **Folk Victoria Music Night:**

**First Friday of the month.** Emerald Lounge, Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St and Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill, Melbourne. 8pm. \$12/\$8. Enq: Jeanette: 0414 732 667. Website: [www.folkvictoria.org.au](http://www.folkvictoria.org.au)  
**Next Concerts** for 2007 will be on **July 6<sup>th</sup>** (Martin Pearson and Tracy McNeil) and **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Annie Kennedy, Bruce Watson and the Pan Pipe group).

- **Selby Folk Club:**

**First Friday of the month.** Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby (Dandenong Ranges, Vic). Open stage plus guest artists. 8.00 pm. \$10/\$8. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218.  
[www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm](http://www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm)

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

**Every Saturday and some Friday nights.** 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. 8.00 pm. \$15/\$10. Phone: 03 9417 1983. Email: [boite@boite.asn.au](mailto:boite@boite.asn.au) or website at: [www.boite.asn.au](http://www.boite.asn.au)

- **The Boite – Other Events:**

A variety of venues and times, including the Box Hill Community Arts Centre, the BMW Edge at Federation Square, and the Northcote Uniting Church. Contact details as above.

- **Peninsula Folk Club:**

**First Sunday of the month.** Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00  
Email: [admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au](mailto:admin@peninsulafolkclub.asn.au)

- **Whole Gamut Acoustic Music Club:**

**Second Sunday of the month.** 3 pm. Brunswick Hotel, 140 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Three featured acts plus poetry. \$5 / gold coin. Enq: Peter Pentland: 9392 4817.  
Email: [ppent@museum.vic.gov.au](mailto:ppent@museum.vic.gov.au)

- **Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC):**

**\*\* Website** for all VFMC activities mentioned below:  
<http://users.bigpond.net.au/VFMC/>

**\*\* Second Tuesday of the month: Ringwood Folk Club Guest Artist Night.** 8.00 pm. \$10/\$6. Guest artist plus floor

spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802. **July:** "The Rainmakers".  
**August:** "Klezmania".

**\*\* Third Tuesday of the month is Singabout!**, a regular group singing session. Singabout runs from 8:00 til 9:30 pm.  
**\*\* Fourth Tuesday: Billabong Band** practice from 8:00 pm. The Billabong Band is the Club's band for Concert Party events. All musicians are welcome to join in for some relaxed playing of traditional Australian music.

**\*\* Other Tuesdays** feature session playing, singalong, poetry and yarns. **All events** at the **East Ringwood Community Hall** ("Red Cross Hall", enter into driveway from Knaith Road). Tea and coffee provided, small cover charge (\$4.00) on all nights except Guest Night.

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Acoustic Music Nights**

**Every Wednesday night**, 9:00 pm till 11.45pm. Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St & Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. Phone: 03 9489 8705. Website: [www.cliftonhillhotel.com](http://www.cliftonhillhotel.com)

- **The Quiet Man Singers Sessions:**

**Second Wednesday of the month.** Singers and musicians welcome. 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington. Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227.

- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

**First Saturday of every month** (except January), 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Contact details as above.

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at: [www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au](http://www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au) Contact Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on 03 9885 6109.

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

The Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria also presents a variety of dance-related activities throughout the year. Contact Marion Stabb on 03 9439 7100 or Heather Larsen on 03 9808 4869. Website: [www.tsdav.asn.au](http://www.tsdav.asn.au)

- **Fathers in the Chapel:**

**Second Friday of the month.** Mainly bluegrass, old-timey, etc, acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John's Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

**Third Friday of the month.** The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223. Email: [badfolk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:badfolk@optusnet.com.au) Website: [www.badfolk.org](http://www.badfolk.org) and/or [www.badfolk.websyte.com.au](http://www.badfolk.websyte.com.au)

- **Pickin' at the Piggery:**

**Third Saturday of the month** except Feb and Nov. Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams and performances. Footscray Community House, Moreland St, Footscray. Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

**Fourth Friday of the month.** Newport Community Hall, 15 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin.

- **Harmony Row Vineyard, Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts and Tuesday Night Sessions**

**Various concert and session dates.**

**\*\* Two great concert venues** – one at Harmony Row Winery in the country near Kyneton, the other the Albert Park Yacht Club, close to Melbourne city.

**\*\* Session venue** on the second Tuesday of the month at "Don't Tell Tom" bar and café, 420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick.

**Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Rose Bygrave, Marcia & Damian Howard

**Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>:** Brent Parlane (with Howard Malkin & Trevor Reading)

**Friday August 24<sup>th</sup>:** Cosmo Cosmolino

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Women in Docs

**Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Jeanette Wormald with Peter Titchener & Emma Luker (Colcannon)

For details on **Harmony Row**, phone 0407 343074 or 03 54235286. Email Cliff for **Albert Park** and **Don't Tell Tom**: [taxman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:taxman@bigpond.net.au) or Dennis at Harmony Row: [harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com](mailto:harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com)  
Website for all details: [www.harmonyrow.com.au](http://www.harmonyrow.com.au)

- **Melbourne Session Calendar**

*(Please let us know if there should be amendments or additions to this list, as I gained the info from 'Trad and Now' magazine.)*

**SATURDAYS:**

**Irish:** Dan O'Connell Hotel, Princes St, Carlton. 5pm.

**Old-Timey:** Homestead Inn, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 5-8.30 pm.

**SUNDAYS:**

**Irish:** Normanby Hotel, Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. 3pm.

**Irish:** Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. 5pm.

**MONDAYS:**

**Irish:** Lomond Hotel, Nicholson St, Brunswick. 9pm.

**TUESDAYS:**

**Irish Slow Sessions:** Father Flanagan's Irish Pub, 484 Smith St, cnr Alexandra Pde, Collingwood. 7.30 till 11.00 pm. Singers and musicians welcome.

**WEDNESDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Comhaltas Session – music, song and dance – St Philips Church Hall, 150 Hoddle St, Collingwood. 03 9337 3639. 8pm.

**Old-Timey:** Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy. 9pm.

**THURSDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Corkman Hotel, Leicester Place, Carlton. 6.30pm.

**FRIDAYS:**

**Irish:** The Celtic Club, 316 Queen St, City. 5.30pm.

**Old-Timey:** "Headbelly Buzzard" gigs, Railway Hotel, Nicholson St, Fitzroy.